

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~This invention allows the operator who does not have~~
any special knowledge, to read an original and perform
5 optimal color space transformation and compression in
accordance with the output destination of the read image data.
For this purpose, when the read mode by a sheet scanner (112),
and whether read image is transmitted, copied on a printing
sheet, or output to a host computer are designated with a
10 console (106), color space transformation and compression
methods corresponding to the designation are determined.
The read image is transmitted, copied, or output to the host
computer in accordance with the designated color space
transformation and compression methods.